

THE STERLING PIANO CO., AND ABRAHAM STRAUS. 536 FULTON ST., near Flatbush Av. Grand Opening. New Silks.

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The Sterling Piano Co., Entire Building (Four Floors), 536 Fulton Street, Brooklyn.

The fashion fixers have decreed that silks shall be swung into popular favor this season, and that's why silks are here in such profusion. So great is the variety and so temptingly small the prices that both the critical and the economical will find it easy to buy worthy silks of us. Here's a hint of our exceptional value giving:

- Fancy Silks. 3,000 yards of all silk, double warp Surah, in the most desirable street and evening shades 80c. yd. 23 inch Striped and Figured Japanese Silks, light and dark colors, some worth 50c., at 29c. yd. 22 inch All Silk Satin Duchesse, in light grounds, with colored figures—real value 75c., at 49c. yd. 22 inch All Silk Lyons Printed French Foulards, large assortment of styles and colors, worth 50c., at 35c. yd. 25 inch White Japanese Habutai, very fine quality, worth 90c., at 50c. yd. 30 inch White Japanese Surah, the best quality, imported to sell at \$1.00, our price 69c. yd. 22 inch Silk Popinettes, in changeable, checked and brocaded effects; the latest Spring Novelty for full costumes, at 98c. yd. 27 inch Armure Moire Valour, in all the new street shades, worth \$1.75, at 81.25 yd.

- Black Silks. 27 inch extra fine quality Black Japanese Silk, worth 80c., at 49c. yd. 24 inch all silk Black Peau de Soie, very rich and heavy, worth \$1.25, at 94c. yd. 22 inch all silk Imported Black Satin Duchesse; this quality cannot be replaced for less than \$1.50—at 99c. yd. 22 inch Black Satin Duchesse, in heavier quality, worth \$1.75, at 81.25 yd. 22 inch all silk Black Brocaded Moire, in new and very desirable patterns, at 81.25, 81.48 and 81.74 yd silks—main, left.

Among the New Dress Goods.

- Poplin Changeant—The season's most popular dress fabric—last week's offering made yardsticks fairly fly—still the assortment is complete—New "Military" combination—tan shaded with cadet, green with gray, navy with Havana, Annapolis blue with purple, reseda with heliotrope, green with army blue, and pansy with Forest green, 48 inches wide. \$1.50 yd. French Ladies' Cloth—direct importation for Spring and Summer Gowns—Light in weight; light finish. Half the Spring creations of the leading Paris modistes are in this lustrous, dressy fabric—Twelve new colorings are here—52 inches wide. \$1.50 yd. Estamene Cheviot—dainty, durable. A stylish material for tailor-made gowns. Sponged and abruak—ready for the scissors—Marine blue, Myrtle, Havana, Maple-leaf green, Mulberry and Napoleon blue—50 inches wide. \$5c. yd.

- Four Special Values: French Taupaline—colored grounds, toned with diagonal cords of black. Very stylish and serviceable. Two shades of tan, gray and Military blue. 48 inches wide. Maker meant them to retail at \$1.50, our price 81.25 yd. Poplin Velour—A neat corded material in self colors. A forerunner of next Autumn's styles—just from Paris. Newest Spring and Summer colorings. Imported to sell at \$1.00 per yd., our price 75c. yd. Silk and Wool Novelty—From France. Two toned woollen grounds with dashes of white silk glistening on the surface. Medium and dark effects in seven colors. A very dressy and durable fabric 45 inches wide. Brought over to retail at \$1.00, our price 75c. yd. French Shepherd Checks—every thread wool, five sizes of plain and broken checks, from the large and stylish brocade pattern to the little neat pin check. Colors navy and white, a black and white. A favorite material for women's skirts and children's dresses 44 inches wide—Value 60c. yd—to go at 39c. yd. Main sale.

\$1.00 Gloves at 59c. Pr.

Here's every woman's opportunity to secure a supply of splendid Gloves for Spring wear at almost half price. There are two styles to choose from.

Women's light weight Kid Gloves, in tans, browns, butter, slate, red and black, with 4 large pearl buttons and one row of black or self embroidery—regular worth \$1.00—at 59c. pr. Women's Kid Gloves in slate, light yellow and white, 4 large pearl buttons, three row, two toned embroidery—regular value \$1.00—at 59c. pr. Gloves—main, center.

ABRAHAM AND STRAUS

Slam's King. The Most Progressive Ruler Niam Ever Had—France Covets the Country. A private letter recently received by a gentleman in this city from a correspondent at Bangkok, Siam, under date of Jan. 19, contains the following information: "His Majesty, the King of Siam, ascended the throne on the 11th of November, 1895, and he has now entered the thirtieth year of his reign. His great grandfather, the first sovereign of the present dynasty, ascended the throne in 1782, and reigned twenty-seven years. The grandfather of the present King reigned from 1809 to 1824, or only fifteen years, but the uncle of the present King ruled from 1824 to 1861, or twenty-seven years, while the father of his Majesty, and the fourth of the present dynasty, reigned only seven years, or from 1851 to 1858, so that it will appear that the present King has had the longest reign of any of the preceding monarchs. On the 21st of September he will have reached the age of 45, and yet he appears to be today as vigorous and active as he was when he was only a lad. He has certainly less than the most popular, talented, progressive, and best-loved ruler that Siam has ever known, and he has done all that could be done by any ruler to develop his country and people. All directions tending to promote progress, peace, and prosperity, despite the shameful humiliation inflicted upon him by France in a badly appointed war, are being carried out. The French are a continual source of anxiety to the Siamese, and they are not all the descendants of Cambodians, Cochins, Chinese, and Laotians who were residents of the Kingdom of Siam long before France had by political intrigue or force of arms acquired any claims of rights over the Kingdom. It does seem as if the French representatives in Siam are trying all devices to create causes on which to base and claim heavy indemnities, and after financially en-

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Dress Goods.

We have made unusual preparations in this department, and many lines have been secured by us at low prices that in many instances barely cover the cost of raw material. Each item advertised a positive bargain.

- 34-inch All Wool London Tailor Checks, the correct goods for tailor-made costumes or wheel wear, guaranteed absolutely pure wool, would be cheap at 80c.; special at 30c. per yard. 33-inch Cheviot Checks, strictly pure wool, excellent fabric for general wear, stylish effects, 25c. per yard. 34-inch Fine Twill French Serge, all the new colorings, also black, fine Australian wool, advertised as special by many at 39c.; our price 29c. per yard. Imported Novelties, neat hair-line effects, also fancy weaves, self-colored, about 100 pieces, some cost laid 75c.; your choice at 39c. per yard. Imported Fancies, good styles, all neat style effects, \$1.00 and \$1.25 qualities, at 69c. per yard. Imported Novelties, fancy shepherd checks, matelasse effects, also printed warp silk effects, a choice of about 100 styles, 39c. per yard. 34-inch New Ladies' Cloth, steam shrunk, all the new colorings and mixtures, suitable for wheel wear, 49c. per yard. 33-inch French Shepherd Checks, 19c. per yard. 34-inch Mohair Siellian, colors and black, usually 25c., at 10c. per yard. 30-inch Convert Cloths, for wheel wear, 38c. per yard. Cream and White Henrietas, for confirmation suits, special at 25c., 30c., 50c., 75c. per yard. Cream and White Albatross, all wool, 35c. and 50c. per yard. Cream and White Brillantine, 50c. and 75c. per yard.

BLACK GOODS.

- 38-inch Brilliantine, pure mohair, have purchased about 500 pieces at less than value, and give you the advantage; would be cheap at 50c.; while they last will be sold at 39c. per yard. Figured Brilliantines, new silk style designs, worth 50c., 60c. and \$1.00; special at 35c., 45c. and 70c. per yard. Fine Henrietas, all wool, silk finish, twofold warp, full 45 inches wide, three unusual bargains, at 50c., 75c., \$1.00 per yard. 45-inch Storm Serge, steam shrunk, 39c. per yard. 45-inch Storm Serge, steam shrunk, twofold warp, pure worsted, 49c. per yard. Fancy Weave Black Goods, were \$1.00 and \$1.25; special at 69c. per yard. 45-inch Silk Laute Brillantine, unusually good quality, at 69c. per yard.

LADIES' SUITS.

New Spring Styles. You will find the largest variety of Ladies' Tailor-made Suits of any house in the city, all the latest novelties, both in materials, shades and styles; you are sure to be satisfied. Look for every kind of fashion through our man-of-the-month line. 100 Ladies' Fine All Wool Cheviot and Serge Suits, fly-front jacket, latest cut skirt, beautifully lined with champagne taffeta silk, brown, navy blue, black and green, actual value \$20.00; special at \$13.98. 45 Ladies' Fine Imported Cheviot Serge Suits, fly-front jacket, lined throughout with heavy taffeta silk, black and navy blue only, on sale at \$19.29.

ADVANCE SALE OF OXFORD TIES.

\$2.25 TO \$3.00 TIES AT \$1.19. EASE AND COMFORT. 2,000 Pairs Ladies' Best Dog-gola and Vici Kid Oxford Ties, broad toe, common sense, comfort, Pleadilly and coin toes, hand-turned and McKay sewed flexible soles, plain and patent leather tipped, nothing nicer or easier for you if you are suffering from sore or tender feet, perfectly trimmed and finished, all clean, "up to date," this season's goods and style, the entire stock of one of our best manufacturers. These Ties ordinarily retail from \$2.25 to \$3.00; the lot being large and wishing to close them out quickly we offer them to you at half what they will cost you a few weeks later, all sizes and widths, 2 1/2 to 7, widths A, B, C, D and E.

Extra salespeople will insure prompt attention and a proper fit. We advise purchasers to provide for future wants, as you will not be able to get such values as the season advances. WASH GOODS SALE. Extraordinary Bargains. Chambray Moire Prints, good cloth, silk ties, 35c. per yard. Standard Percal Print Cloth, a new line opened, over 100 new designs, absolutely fast colors, 5c. per yard. New Cotton Checks, Persian and French cashmere, fast colors, 4 1/2c. per yard. Best Apron Gingham, all the styles, 2 1/2c. per yard. The Dress Gingham, good styles, the standard 10c. quality at 6c. per yard. Woven Cord Batiste, a sheer dainty fabric from Albany, packed in carloads, 10c. per yard. 30-inch Dimity Lawns, new styles, extra fine value, 15c., at 10c. per yard. Stripe Organdy, dainty floral effects, extra fine value, 10c. per yard. Best Organdies, newest styles, 35c. per yard.

CARPETS.

It will pay you to visit our Carpet Department, on third floor. EXHIBIT of the finest to cheapest grades, large variety of styles and colorings, especially the new shades of olive and green, combined with many genuine bargains not advertised.

Special for Monday, remnants of Moquette and Body Brussels, 1 to 20 yard lengths, 50c. per yard. Tapestry Brussels, 40c. per yard. We are leaders in all grades of Linoleum and Oilcloths. IMPORTED SEAMLESS AXMINSTER CARPETS, for large and small rooms, in Oriental and floral effects. RELIABLE STRAW MATTING, over 150 styles to select from, at 10c. per yard and upward.

BOOKS.

Funk & Wagnalls' Complete Standard Dictionary, \$9.95 and \$10.95. Paper Novels, regular price 15c; now 8c. Wall Rolls, "Day by Day with the Little Ones," regular price \$1.00; now 50c. Inventory Book, for listing household furniture, 10c.

Easter Sale of BIBLES,

Prayer Books and Hymnals. Bibles, with combined Concordance, Illustrations, maps and references, Divinity circuit, large print, regular price \$2.98; special at \$1.75. Self-pronouncing Bible, with references and maps, Divinity circuit, large print, \$1.50.

WHITE GOODS.

White Dotted Curtain Swiss, 7 1/2c. per yard. Imported Dotted Swiss, 12 1/2c., 15c., 18c., 20c., 25c. per yard. Black Lawn, stripes and checks, usual price 10c., at 7 1/2c. per yard. Extra good value in Plain Nainsooks, 5c., 6c., 7c., 8c., 10c., 12 1/2c. per yard. Fleeced Linen, worth 12 1/2c.; at 6 1/2c. per yard.

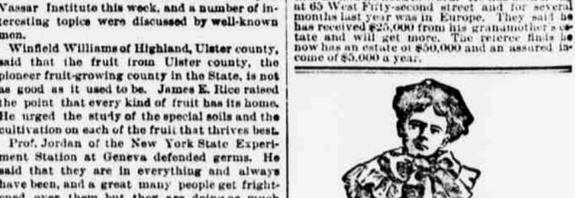
MUSLINS.

Extra Heavy Unbleached Muslin, yard wide, short lengths, 8c. quality, at 5c. per yard. Soft Finish White Muslin, yard wide, 6c. per yard. Good Quality BLEACHED SHEETS. 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 yards, 35c. plain, 45c. hemstitched. 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 yards, 39c. plain, 47 1/2c. hemstitched. 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 yards, 43c. plain, 50c. hemstitched. Extra Heavy Sheets, 2 1/2 x 2 1/2; plain, 50c.; hemstitched, 55c. per yard. PILLOW CASES, plain, 10c. each and upward; hemstitched, 10c. each and upward.

MACEDONIA. A Description of the Probable Scene of the Struggle Between the Greek and the Turk. Macedonia, which seems likely to become the theatre of a struggle between the Turk and the Greek, and perhaps the Balkan States, is a rich and naturally fertile country. Its southern limit is the Aegean sea, and the Greek frontier of Thessaly. On the west it is bounded by the prolongation of the Pindus chain, called the Grammos Mountains, and the ranges of hills that terminate at the sources of the Vardar, that divides the country into two nearly equal parts. The northern boundary extends from this point along the watershed of the Vardar to the southernmost point of the Servian frontier, which it follows to its junction with the Bulgareo-Macedonian boundary. It then follows this frontier to the valley of the Karava, which it follows to its mouth in the Euxine. The Karava also forms the western border of ancient Thrace. The principal city and seaport of Macedonia is the well-known city of Salonica, with a population of about 125,000, of whom some 84,000 are Jews of the Spanish emigration, speaking the Spanish language with relative purity, but keeping their business books and doing their literary work mostly in Hebrew. Of these Jews about 9,000 are Mussulmans by profession, but are more or less suspected of practicing the Hebrew rite in secret. The main street of Salonica is a part of the railway line that, starting from Durazzo on the Adriatic, and through the Illyrian Mountains (now Albania) to Salonica, thence on through Thrace to Constantinople. At the eastern exit from the city is a fine Roman arch of the time of Hadrian in a good state of preservation. Salonica is the starting point of the railway line that, through the Vardar Valley to Uskub, from where the main line continues on to Mitrovitz, just on the southern limit of the Sandjak of Novi-Bazar, and a branch line runs to the Servian frontier, where it joins the Servian railway to Nisch and makes a junction with the line coming from Belgrade on to Sofia and Constantinople. The southern part of Macedonia is served by a line of rail running westward by the important town of Vodena to Moastir, or Bitolla, the headquarters of the Third Turkish Army Corps. The country south of this line is inhabited by a Greek-speaking population, and contains many important towns, such as Verria, Servia, Tchatalia, on the road to Grevena and Metzovo to Janina in Epirus, and Kastoria on the headwaters of the Vitziza or Indji-Karava, that discharges into the Gulf of Salonica not far from the mouth of the Vardar. In the northeastern part of this district lies the Yendje country, celebrated for the felicitous quality of its tobacco, that furnishes the cigarettes for the smoking ladies of the Imperial and wealthy houses of Constantinople, and here, also, is the vineyard country of Nisakubta, whose delicious golden-colored wine, something resembling Madeira, is renowned all over Macedonia. It is noted here that the river Vitziza, just mentioned, was possessed by England in 1842 as the northern boundary of Greece, and here, also, is the vineyard country of Nisakubta, whose delicious golden-colored wine, something resembling Madeira, is renowned all over Macedonia. It is noted here that the river Vitziza, just mentioned, was possessed by England in 1842 as the northern boundary of Greece, and here, also, is the vineyard country of Nisakubta, whose delicious golden-colored wine, something resembling Madeira, is renowned all over Macedonia. It is noted here that the river Vitziza, just mentioned, was possessed by England in 1842 as the northern boundary of Greece, and here, also, is the vineyard country of Nisakubta, whose delicious golden-colored wine, something resembling Madeira, is renowned all over Macedonia.

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riching themselves, seek occasion for war and... President James Wood of Mt. Kisco gave the delegates an interesting talk on the necessity of making products attractive for market. There was a time when the market sought the products of the grower, but now the grower must not only make our fruit attractive, but it must be superior in flavor and other qualities. The need of organization is also a pressing one, greater to-day than ever before. Prof. Jordan of the New York State Experiment Station at Geneva defended germs. He said that they are in everything and always have been, and a great many people are frightened over them, but they are doing as much good as harm. It is in plant life where the good is done. They are in the ground, and greatly aid fertilization.

ITCHING ECZEMA. An Editor's Little Son Suffers Terribly. Itching Intense, Face Raw and Bleeding from Constant Scratching. Cured by Cuticura. My little boy was afflicted with Eczema in his face for nearly a year, during which time he tried without success every remedy. The doctor prescribed the best of them, but he was a history and finally he was cured by Cuticura. I was advised to try Cuticura. The first application was made before the child had been a year old. He was a healthy child, but the itching was so intense that he would scratch himself until his face was raw and bleeding. He was cured by Cuticura. Editor and Publisher, NEEHAMA, 115, 117, 119 & 121 Myrtle Av., Cor. Bridge St., BROOKLYN, N. Y.

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